

EPW HANDLING



Learning Objectives

Terminal Learning Objective

Without the aid of references, the student will be able to properly handle an EPW.

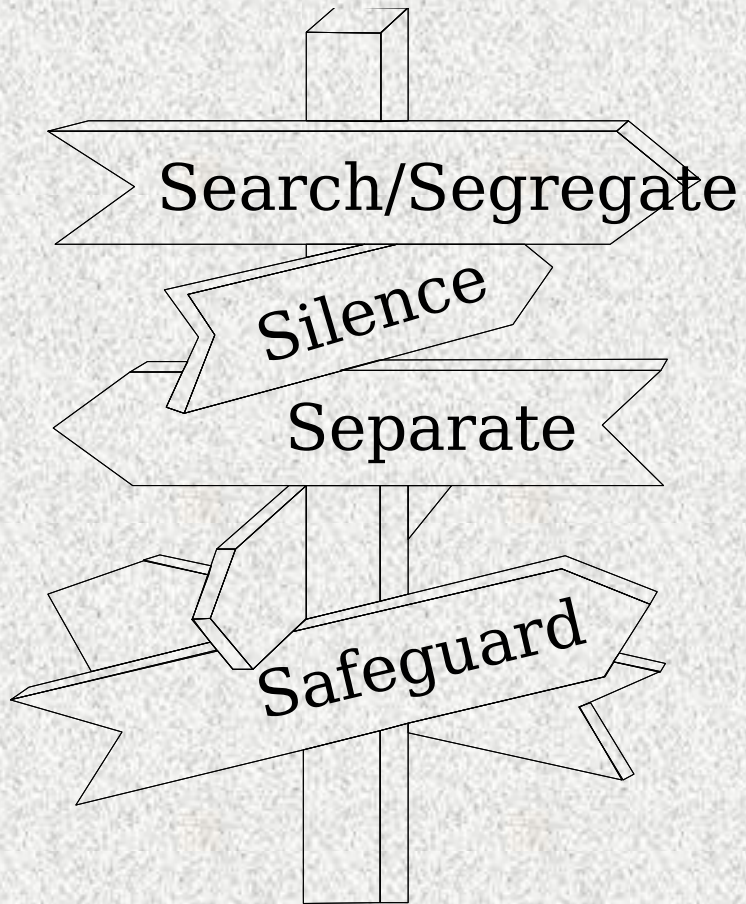
Enabling Learning Objectives

Without the aid of references or class notes, the student will be able to correctly identify the 5xS and the T of EPW handling.

Without the aid of references or class notes, the student will be able to explain the rights of an EPW.



5 S's



SEARCH

Look for weapons and intelligence



SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

Common method of a field search

- Hands behind his head (fingers interlocked)
- Put EPW on his knees
- Search EPW from head to feet
- Utilize pinch pull method

SEARCH

Inspect any area susceptible to hiding important information:

- Head, Kevlar, Collar
- Underarms
- Waist Line, Crotch
- Inner leg, Ankles

*Inspect equipment if time permits.

- Blindfold
- Zip Tie Hands
- Zip Tie Feet

SILENCE

Prevent EPWs from communicating
Deter escape planning
Operational consideration
Gagging is allowed AS LONG AS the prisoner can breath



SEGRAGATE

Officer from enlisted

Senior enlisted from junior enlisted

Males from females

Military association

Why?

- Break up the chain of command
- Decreases ability to keep military effectiveness
- Prevent organizing in order to resist or escape



SAFEGAURD

Protect EPW against further harm

- Other EPWs
- Friendly forces
- Enemy forces



SPEED

Arrange transportation to higher headquarters

- Properly interrogate and process EPWs
- Removes prisoner from familiar surroundings

Lower echelons don't have the capability to handle EPWs



Give Me A



TAG

All EPWs should be tagged ASAP

3 copies

- EPWs uniform via string or staple
- Forwarded to MAGTF holding facility/whomever takes custody
- Weapons or documents of the EPW



TAG

Information

- Name of EPW
- Rank
- Service #
- Date of birth
- Date of Capture
- EPWs Unit
- Location of Capture
- Capturing Unit
- Special Circumstances of Capture
- Description of Weapons/Documents

This data should be completed before the EPW is moved

Sample Enemy Prisoner of War Captive Tag

ATTACH TO PW O A

DATE OF CAPTURE () _____

NAME () _____

SERIAL NUMBER () _____

RANK () _____

DATE OF BIRTH () _____

UNIT () _____

LOCATION OF CAPTURE () _____

CAPTURING UNIT () _____

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE () _____

WEAPONS/DOCUMENTS () _____

FORWARD TO UNIT B

DATE OF CAPTURE () _____

NAME () _____

SERIAL NUMBER () _____

RANK () _____

DATE OF BIRTH () _____

UNIT () _____

LOCATION OF CAPTURE () _____

CAPTURING UNIT () _____

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE () _____

WEAPONS/DOCUMENTS () _____

ATTACH TO ITEM C

DATE OF CAPTURE () _____

NAME () _____

SERIAL NUMBER () _____

RANK () _____

DATE OF BIRTH () _____

UNIT () _____

LOCATION OF CAPTURE () _____

DESCRIPTION OF WEAPONS/DOCUMENTS () _____

DOCUMENT AND O WEAPONS CARD

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Search Thoroughly () _____

Tag Correctly () _____

Report Immediately () _____

Evacuate Rapidly () _____

Segregate by Category () _____

Safeguard from Danger/Escapes () _____

P W

Rights of an EPW



RIGHTS OF AN EPW

Geneva Conventions

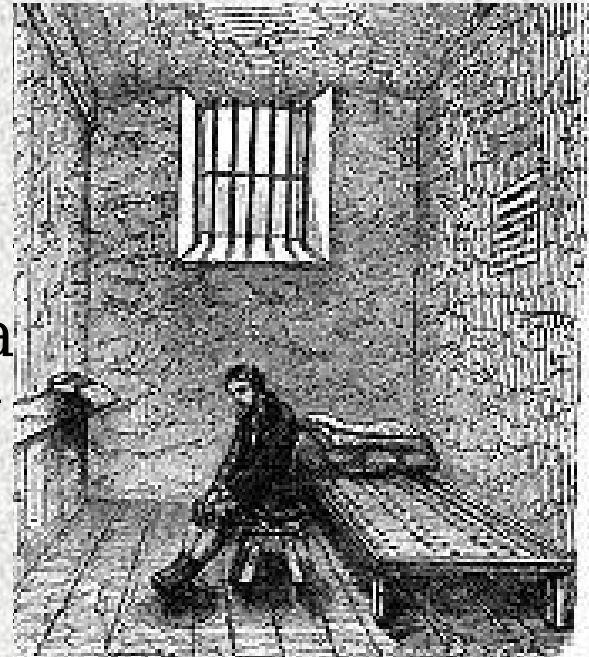
Treated equally

- No group punishments
- Can not single out a specific unit

Status of “war victim” or “noncombata

- Deprived of their lawful authority

Same care as Marine prisoner



RIGHTS OF AN EPW

- Receive sanitary living conditions
- Food
- Medical care
- Facilities for proper hygiene
- Opportunity to practice religion
- Keep personal property
- Send receive mail/packages
- Select representation
- Receive humane treatment
- Request a translated copy of rights
- Request translated copy of camp regulations



QUESTIONING AN EPW

Name

Rank

Service number

Date of birth

If an EPW does refuse to give this information, he may not be threatened or punished

QUESTIONS?

